

**Joyful Earth Partnership**  
**The Dolphin's Clarion Call**  
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It is sometimes challenging to imagine just how much one person can do that can possibly make an impact on issues of surmounting proportions, what ever the issues may be. It's tempting not to even try to put forth the energy. And then, there is the unstoppable sensation of "go for it" that rolls in like a strong tide where there's no turning back. I recently had one of those tides roll in, and there's been no turning back since.

In early May I had a dream that I was overlooking a shallow pool of water with a large number of dolphins who had washed ashore and died. There were many people, some of them marine researchers, standing around trying to figure out what had caused their deaths. I noticed that the dolphins were of many breeds and found myself walking among them to see if there were any survivors that I might be able to help, offer nourishment, or take care of in some way.

I called out to the people I saw around me, that we need to give the dolphins food and to please help. I looked at the people with urgent anticipation for support for the dolphins who might have survived. Many of them were

so caught up in astonishment by the magnitude of this perplexing catastrophe that they could not even respond to my plea.

When I awoke from the dream, later that very day, I saw a television news report that stated off the east coast of Africa, there were approximately five hundred dolphins that had washed ashore and died. Researchers and scientists were trying to figure out what had caused their deaths. They said that they had run tests and ruled out poisoning. Currently, they would be checking to see if there had been any sonar testing in the area.

The next day, I saw another report in the newspaper saying that the death count had risen to nearly eight hundred dolphins. Interestingly enough, they also reported that the stomachs of the dolphins had been unusually empty. Sometimes this can happen with mega sounds from earthquakes or sonar from war ships, which can cause the dolphins to regurgitate their food.

Needless to say I was incredibly saddened by the event. I felt as if the dolphins, in such a large number, were trying to tell us something. I also knew, due to my long years of experience in the communication's field, that

the media would probably not do much more with the story after it became yesterday's news.

I felt an enormous sense of responsibility to check into this further, and do what I could to keep the public informed in the hopes that, through awareness, we might be able to stop the possibility of another tragic event like this happening again. Not to mention, that we should take a look at whatever the message might be that the dolphins are trying to share with us, and see what action to take from there.

I immediately went into action and sent emails and made phone calls to every conceivable environmental group I could find. Just to name a couple who are moving forward: Care2 has agreed to share about the incident on their website, and the NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council) is checking into the possibility of military sonar testing in the area. Communications are still building, and the list of support is growing.

There were some organizations that had not yet heard about the news report and were stunned to learn that so many dolphins had lost their lives in this tragedy. After sharing my experience about the dream, and the news I've

picked up along the way, they all were very agreeable that this story should not fall by the wayside. A few of them decided to gear up for doing some of their own detective work.

I have to admit that I did not know what kind of reaction I was going to get in sharing with all these people the fact that I had experienced a pre-cognitive dream before the newscast was announced. I just knew it needed to be shared, especially since just two days after the event, there was an ocean earthquake off the nearby island of Tonga, and a tsunami warning for that area, as well as for New Zealand.

The support needed to keep these environmental groups strong is of great importance. For those of you who are interested, I am listing a few groups:

**Care2** connects people who care (that's you!) with the organizations, responsible businesses and individuals getting results in helping make the world a better place. It's a big plan that touches on health, the environment, women's rights, spirituality, children's welfare, human rights and much more. [www.Care2.com](http://www.Care2.com)

**Greenpeace** is the leading independent campaigning organization that uses peaceful direct action and creative communication to expose global environmental problems and to promote solutions that are essential to a green peaceful future. [www.GreenPeace.org/USA](http://www.GreenPeace.org/USA)

**The Natural Resources Defense Council** is one of the nation's most effective environmental action organizations using law, science, and the support of 1.2 million members and online activists. Their purpose is to safeguard the Earth: its people, its plants and animals and the natural systems on which all life depends. [www.NRDC.org](http://www.NRDC.org)

I believe it's crucial for us to consider the symbol of joy that dolphins represent, and how they often offer the important reminder to nurture and take care of our joy during this time of great transformation, as well as engage more deeply in our relationship with Earth in a joyful way.

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